



Dear Fellow Arkansan,

Wednesday I was proud to join officials at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to [announce \\$102 million in Recovery Act funding to expand Arkansas's broadband infrastructure](#). This investment will expand broadband Internet access in all of Arkansas's 75 counties.

Broadband access is critically important to our state, providing greater access to telemedicine resources, expanding educational opportunities, and helping rural businesses grow. UAMS will upgrade and expand Arkansas's broadband networks by offering substantial broadband upgrades, broadband equipment and connectivity fiber for 474 community anchor institutions, including colleges and universities, public libraries, and health care facilities. Boosting the state's broadband capabilities will also create jobs and support long-term economic development.

I was proud to work with UAMS officials to help secure this significant investment that will make a real difference in the lives of Arkansas families, small businesses and communities.

As always, please feel free to [contact me with your comments, suggestions and concerns](#). I look forward to hearing from you.

With Arkansas Pride,

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